

REMARKS

After entry of this Amendment, the pending claims are claims 1-5, 7, 8, 12 and 23.

The original application was filed on April 4, 2001, containing claims 1-20. On June 11, 2001, in response to an Office Action dated December 11, 2001, Applicants cancelled claims 6, 11, 15, and 20. On September 11, 2002, the Examiner issued a final Office Action. On December 11, 2002, in response to the final Office Action, Applicants added new claims 21 and 22. On December 20, 2002, the Examiner issued an Advisory Action indicating that Applicants' amendments, including new claims 21 and 22 would not be entered. Claims 21 and 22 were never entered.

On February 4, 2003, Applicants filed a petition to extend time to respond to the final Office Action of September 11, 2002 and filed another response to the final Office Action. In an Office Action dated February 11, 2003, the Examiner withdrew the finality of the Office Action of September 11, 2002 and required restriction to/election of one invention. On March 5, 2003, Applicants responded to the restriction requirement and elected to prosecute claims 1-5, 7-10 and 12. Claims 13, 14 and 16-19 were withdrawn. On April 17, 2003, the Examiner issued a non-final rejection. On May 12, 2003, the Examiner issued the same non-final rejection of April 17, 2003, including a previously omitted Notice of References Cited. On July 30, 2003, Applicants filed a response to the May 12, 2003 Office Action, canceling claims 9 and 10 and adding new claim 23. A Notice of Abandonment was issued on April 15, 2004 for failure to respond to the May 12, 2003 Office Action. A petition to withdraw abandonment was filed on May 11, 2004, attaching the July 30, 2003 amendment, and was granted on July 14, 2004.

On September 22, 2004, the Examiner mailed a Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, indicating that a complete listing of all the claims was not present in the July 30, 2003 response. In the Notice, the Examiner requested Applicants to provide a complete listing of all of the claims as well as the status identifiers for claims 20-22. Applicants have re-submitted the entire "Amendments to the Claims" section with all missing claims and status identifiers, including claims 6, 11, 15 and 20-22.

The re-submitted "Amendment to the Claims" section indicates that as of Applicants' July 30, 2003 response:

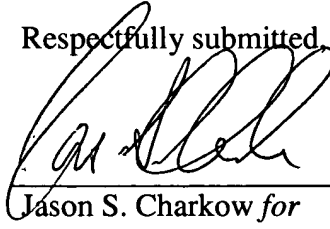
- claim 1 was amended;
- claims 2-5, 7, 8, and 12 were previously presented;
- claims 9 and 10 were canceled;
- claims 6, 11 and 13-20 were withdrawn;
- claims 21 and 22 were not entered; and
- new claim 23 was added.

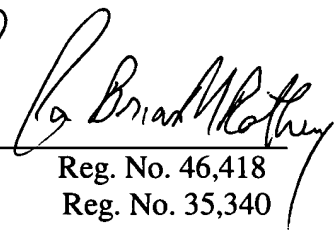
In light of Applicants' re-submitted amendments and remarks, a notice of allowance is respectfully requested. Should the examiner have any questions or concerns regarding the amendments, remarks or the above-identified application, then a telephonic interview with the undersigned is respectfully requested to discuss any such questions or concerns and to accelerate the allowance of the above-identified application.

No fee is believed due for this submission. However, should any fee be required, please charge all such fees to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013.

Respectfully submitted,

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